

THE GREAT CAT SCHEME.

The Project of Col. William G. Blood
Soon to Be Launched
Upon the World.

When Furnaces Have Closed and
Mines Shut Down, the Colonel's
Ideas Will Live.

Sable Skins, Sausages and Oysters to Be
Simultaneously Produced on a
Desert Island.

"Cats," said the colonel, stirring the
sugar in his five fingers, "yes, sah, and black
ones. It's the greatest scheme of the age, sah,
and don't you forget it."

The colonel drained his glass, and the
members of the Sheffield Mutual Improvement
Society waited with bated breath to
hear the latest scheme of the colonel's un-
folding. "The great and sovereign state of
Alabama," continued the orator, helping
himself to a second medium of the old
stuff, "will owe a lasting debt of gratitude
to Col. William G. Blood when the Great
Cat Island project is launched upon the sea
of time. Yes, sah, it will, sah. Long after
Manchester has rotted away beneath the
ulcerated tooth of age; long after Birming-
ham has bust, sah, her mines exhausted, her
furnaces stopped, and after Decatur, Flor-
ence, Anniston and Gadsden are places of
the past, the star of Sheffield will still be
in the proud ascendancy and the name of Blood
will shine more and more into the perfect
day."

The colonel paused. Born and bred in a
school of oratory which knew the value of
long and eloquent pauses, he softly stirred
his brain, carressing while allowing the full
effects of his exordium to be felt in the
sloshy brains of his fellow citizens. The
S. M. I. S. has been in existence some years.
It has not yet succeeded in catching on. It
had been formed at the beginning of the
great southern boom, and its end and aim
was to improve the condition of the
various members by means of some grand
and money-making scheme which should
tempt that plentiful but ill-used thing,
northern capital, to the most glorious but
hitherto unappreciated corner of Sheffield,
Ala.

The model city, the iron every-man-for-
himself mill, the wonderful marble mines,
the gold excitement, were all spring on an
unexploited public in vain. The unex-
ploited public did not bite. A few specu-
lators had bought the stock, but the stock
firm, the stock being 10,000 certificates
of a par value of \$100 each, and sup-
posed to represent money invested in a
gigantic farm or ranch for the raising of
blooded horses and cattle, was evolved from
the brain of the indefatigable Col. Blood,
and was put on the market and boomed ex-
tensively by an honest firm of Quaker
bankers in the city of Philadelphia, but the
purchasers were so few that the bankers
gobbled everything and moved the ranch to
Montana.

The great Co-operative cotton company
was launched and sunk. The Alabama Con-
federate scrip, though it nearly
gave the colonel delirium tremens, caused
little or no fever in the veins of the public.
It was aimed. In short, the S. M. I. S. was
in a fair way toward dissolution, and the
members thereof were on the verge of despair,
when Col. Blood brought new courage
by announcing that he had invented or dis-
covered the scheme for which Sheffield had
been created—the scheme which she had
waited for through all these weary years.

A meeting was called and held. At low
colonel had the floor. The Great Cat
Island project, he informed his hearers, was
the title of the new, improved, warranted
not-to-fail scheme.
"You see, boys," said the colonel, assum-
ing a more conversational tone, "it's just
about here. You've all heard about lynx
skins. All the go in the fashionable world.
Can't supply the demand. Big price, you
know. And what do you think? Every one
of them made from the skins of cats—of
black cats, sah. Well, now, begad sah, look
here. You know the island in the river
seven miles long by one-half wide, and two
miles from any shore? Can't grow a darned
thing on it, only swamp grass and such.
All the island part of the plan. All we
got to do is stock it with cats—black cats—
an wait fur them to do their work. See?"

The colonel oiled his mouth with about
two fingers, lolling the friendly fluid about
on his tongue and lubricating all parts of
his talking machine.
"One hundred thousand cats for a starter—
won't cost a cent—people glad to give 'em
away—makes, let me see. Count eight cats
to a family, two litters a year, accidents, in-
cidents, double marriages and death by duel
or drowning, ought to make one million the
first year, fourteen the second and two thou-
sand million the third. Then we can begin
to butcher. Or shall I say trap and hunt?"

"Profits? Ah, who can guess 'em? Mirac-
ulous. Half a million lynx skins, 25 cents
green or \$1 each tanned, 30,000 pounds of
meat for imported bologna sausage, at
40 cents the pound; 10,000 rabbits and
squirrels, at 30 cents the pair; 30,000 wolf
skins to send to Texas hunters, at 20 cents
apiece; 3,000 tons of Excelsior fertilizer;
40,000 fiddle strings, but, gemmen, I desist.
Run the figures over in your heads; it's a
grand scheme, sah—a grand scheme. Gen-
eral, may I trouble you for a little more
Blue Grass? Ah, thank you."

"Then there are the muskels. Another
boom. As you all know, this island is
surrounded by muskel beds. At low water
they are bare. Now, a hungry cat will hunt
muskels; a any antithesis will tell you.
Y-s, sah-muskels. What then? Why, our
cats will eat 'em up. See? And they will
grab up the muskels; a fine food fish, sah,
when you don't know 'em; a delicious bi-
valve, as I might say, when called 'em by
a noble title; good enough for Decatur,
Birmingham, Florence, Anniston and Gads-
den. Begad, sah, the cats I say will grab
up the muskels, and all we have to do is to
wrest the fish from his shell and ship him to
Chicago and elsewhere as the finest of
fresh oysters. Three hundred million gal-
lons of oysters per year at \$4.20 per gallon.
Gentlemen, run the figures over in your
heads. General, I will thank you to pass the
Blue Grass."

The S. M. I. S. cleared its many throats.
Its eyes stuck out gogglewise. It saw mil-
lions in the colonel's wondrous project.
"Nay, more," continued the latter, warm-
ing to his theme. "The time is coming,
and soon, gemmen, when the overwhelming
preponderance of sable skins on the island
will darken the country for miles around.
This will necessitate the building of large
electric light plants and tremendous gas
factories, all stimulating activity in our
minds—and no one loves the busy hum of
labors, sah, more than Colonel Blood, sah.
But when those plants are finished we will
set cats a-lighting and furnish electricity so
cheap that we will beat the company in its
own market. Electricity for 100 square
miles of territory, \$1,000,000 a year easily.
All this will build up Sheffield and give us
innumerable openings for the display of our
genius, but this is not all."

"Thousands of tourists will come to see
our cat island, the eighth wonder of the
world. We can establish lucrative bear
gardens for their edification between cats
as it were, build grand hotels, run electric
roads with cat electricity, sell souvenirs in
the shape of muskel shells painted by our
old masters, and give displays of fireworks
for the concert, we can deluge them in
rubbish. Hal methinks I see this city a
great resort for tourists of every clime and coun-
try, the streets full of sight-seers, the
steambots plying up and down the river
packed with eager throngs, the railroads, of
which we shall be directors, bending be-
neath their burdens of humanity."

"We will sell music to Decatur, Birming-
ham, Florence, Anniston and Gadsden.
Wrapped in anti-phosphetic sheets of non-
conducting material, we will afford to be
generous. The telephone shall help us, and
each night over the throbbing wire shall go
such a serenade of never-ceasing enter-
taining of cantankerous kittens, such pun-
gents, pulverized palpitations of pining
parodies, such tantalizing telegrams of
tough-voiced Tormentors and such gar-

ulous grunts, criping growls and guttural
galytic gradations of gregarious and griz-
zled Grimalkins as—as—boys, what do you
think of that scheme?"—Chicago Mail.

PROHIBITION IN NORTH DAKOTA.

All Persons Who Have Sold Liquor Since
Statehood Liable to Arrest.

RESNAULT, N. D., Dec. 26.—Attorney-Gen-
eral Goodwin holds that all persons en-
gaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors are
doing so in violation of the law, and are
liable to arrest and punishment therefor,
and have been since the admission of the
state into the union. All licenses and
license laws in force after the adoption of
the constitution, being repugnant to the
prohibition article, became prima facie null
and void, and since that time there has been
no authority in the state for granting
licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.
All persons since the adoption of the con-
stitution and the proclamation by the presi-
dent having made any sales of intoxicating
liquors, or who do so hereafter, are liable to
arrest and punishment. The passage of the
prohibition bill by the present legislature
has no bearing whatever upon past or future
offenses until it goes into effect on July 1,
1891.

Funeral of Henry W. Grady.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—The funeral of
Henry W. Grady took place at the First
Methodist church yesterday afternoon.
The body was taken from the home at 10
o'clock in the morning and placed in the
church, where for three hours a constant
stream of people passed by it. The cere-
monies were performed by five ministers
and were of the simplest character possible.
The interment was at Oakland, and the
funeral procession was the largest ever
known here.

A movement for a fund for a monument
has been started and nearly \$5,000 has
been raised. The committee of young men hav-
ing the matter in charge have issued an ad-
dress to the admirers of Mr. Grady, and the
movement will assume a national character.

Progressive Japan.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26.—There has been a re-
construction of the ministry. It is intended
to give an ultimate effect to the purpose for
which General Count Yomogata Arimoto
was sent on a long visit to Europe, namely,
to introduce the European methods in a
larger degree into legal and metropolitan
systems. It has resulted in an exchange of
places in the ministry, introducing two new
men, Aoki and Iwamura, the first of whom
became minister of foreign affairs and the
second, minister of commerce. The new
minister of foreign affairs replaces Count
Okuma Schigenobu, who has been created
privy councillor with a rank of minister.
But the significant part of the change is
that Count Yomogata Arimoto, hitherto
minister of the interior, becomes president
of the ministry.

Uses Want to Move.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—A Durango, Colo., spe-
cialist says: The Southern Utah Indians have
just held a council of the three tribes relative
to the treaty made by them last year
for their removal to Utah. They do not un-
derstand why the treaty has not been carried
into effect. They were unanimously in
favor of removal, and resolved to ask the
Indian department for permission to send a
delegation of Indians to Washington to
urge the ratification of the treaty. They
want to be heard in answer to the objections
made by the Indians' Rights association to
the treaty.

Police Make a Haul.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 26.—The police have suc-
ceeded in running down a gang of house-
breakers and daylight sneak thieves who
for some time have been reaping a harvest
in this city. Two or three of those captured
are well known criminals. Madame Made-
line Fréchet, residing at No. 7 Hill
street, has been arrested as a fence, and a
large amount of the stolen property was
found in her house. Mrs. Ellen Bradshaw,
of 18 East Ninth street, was also taken in.
In her house were found jewelry and silver
stolen from the house of Mrs. Oakes a
month ago.

Floods in California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—The heavy
rain of the past few days continued last
night, and the levees on the Los Angeles
river have broken through in half a dozen
places. So many railroad bridges have
been washed away that no trains were able
to leave or arrive here to-day. From pre-
sent appearances it will be several days be-
fore the trains on any of the lines will be
running.

No Respector of Persons.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The czar has
suffered severely from the prevailing influ-
enza. Yesterday he was too ill to attend the
Christmas services of the church, and was
also obliged to omit the customary review
of the guard parade.

Lisbon, Dec. 26.—The influenza prevails

in an alarming extent among the soldiers in
the garrison here. The king of Portugal is
also suffering from it.

Still on Silcott's Trail.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 26.—A man answering
in several particulars the description of Sil-
cott, the Washington embezzler, has been
traced to this city, but is believed to have
left last night for the west. He was greatly
changed in appearance. His hair was dyed
dark brown, and he had entirely discarded
the clothing with which he came into
Canada.

What Do You Know

About the Superb Pullman Dining Cars
which have been recently placed in service
via the Union Pacific, "The Overland
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Express between Council Bluffs and Denver
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Council Bluffs and Portland.
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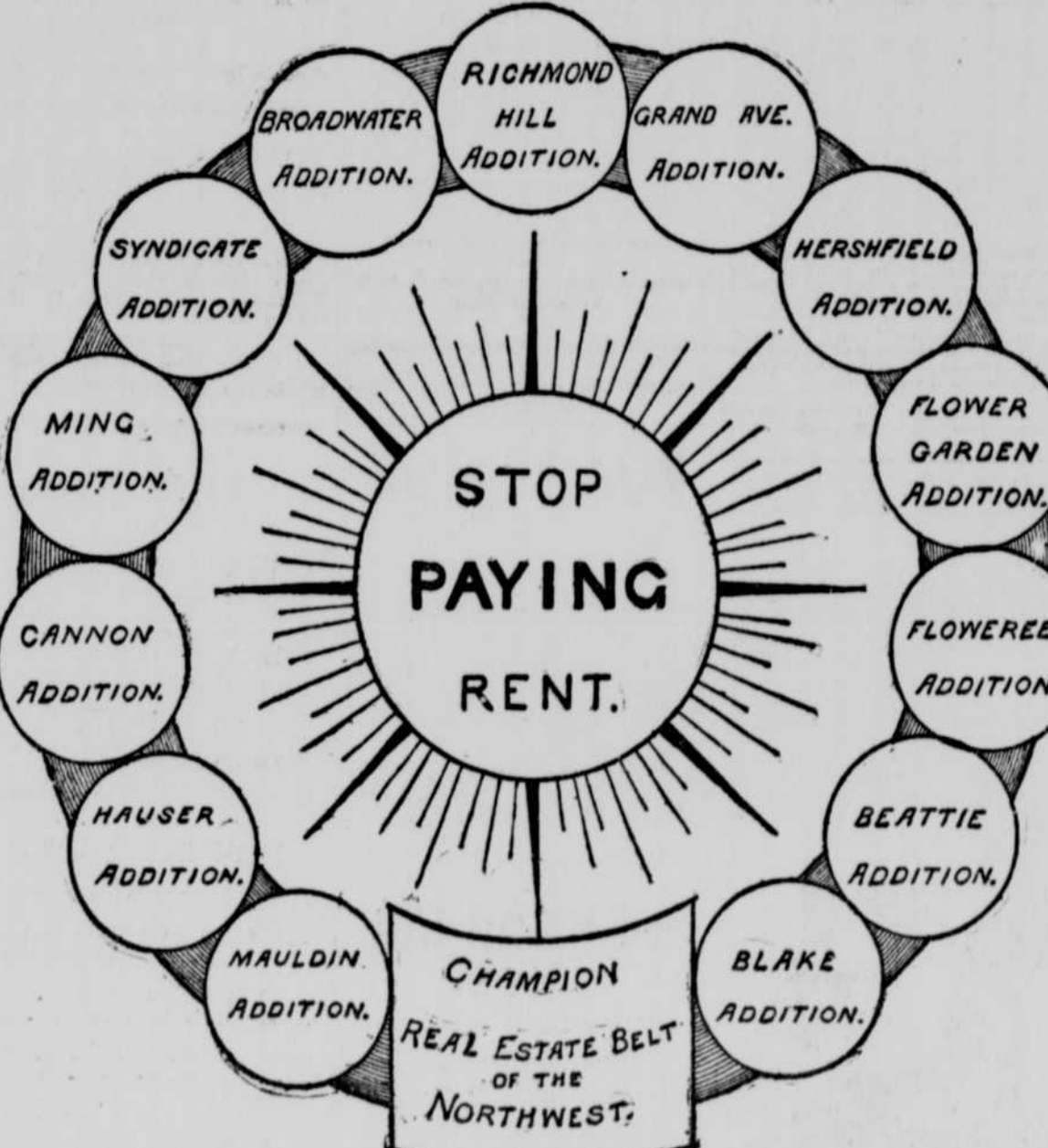
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